



# STATE PRESERVES ADVISORY BOARD

January 9 – 9:00 AM

Fourth Floor Conference Room  
Wallace State Office Building  
Des Moines, Iowa

The Board will have a working session to discuss standards for admitting areas into the state preserve system. The session will be held in the fourth floor conference room of the Wallace State Office Building beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 8 and is open to the public.

## ---Agenda Topics---

1	Approve Agenda	Decision
2	Approve Minutes of October Meeting	Decision
3	Preserve nomination updates: <b>Banister-McGregor Woods-</b> The final report for the floristic study funded by the Preserves Board is expected by the end of December. <b>Hartman Bluff-</b> Dedication papers have been prepared and circulated to the County Conservation Board and County Board of Supervisors for approval. <b>Glenwood Resource Center-</b> The first meeting of the team to develop a management plan was held on October 30. <b>Baylor Prairie-</b> Report on amphibian, reptile, and small mammals by EcoCentrics has been completed (attached).	Information (John Pearson and others)
4	<b>Scenic Preserve criteria study</b> – An update on the status of the project will be presented by Mark Ackelson.	Information (Mark Ackelson)
5	<b>Steele Prairie</b> – Mark Minger of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) proposes to map and describe post-settlement alluvium in this preserve. Decision is needed to determine if Preserves Board wishes to reserve funding for this project.	Decision (John Pearson)
6	<b>Conservation Areas and Species Richness of Amphibians and Reptiles</b> – Dr. Brent Danielson of Iowa State University is proposing to conduct a study to determine how the number and size of preserves and other conservation areas affects species richness and relative abundance of amphibian and reptiles species (see attached proposal). The proposal will be considered for possible funding through the State Wildlife Grants Program that requires a non-federal match (this decision will be made prior to the Board meeting). The Board is asked to decide if the project is something they wish fund directly or have the project submitted during the annual requests for proposals.	Decision (Daryl Howell)
7	<b>Draft RFP for Fiscal Year 2004</b> – Attached is draft of the Request For	Decision (Daryl Howell and

	Proposals for the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. The Board is asked to provide comments and approve the release of the RFP.	John Pearson)
8	<b>Friends Group</b> – Discussion of steps to be taken to develop active friends groups.	Information (Neil Bernstein)
9	<b>Open Discussion</b>	Information (Neil Bernstein)
10	<b>Next Meeting</b>	Information (Neil Bernstein)